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A long vacant Boyd Street landmark is getting a much-needed makeover, along with national recognition for the building's architectural and historical significance. The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announced this week that The Logan Apartment Building, 720 W. Boyd in Norman, is among seven structures being recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places when the state review committee meets on January 16th. State recommendations for the National Register are forwarded to the Keeper of the Register with the National Park Service, US Department of Interior, where the listing is formalized.

The Logan's owner, Norman-based developer Brent Swift, also confirmed that the rehabilitation project has been deemed eligible to receive historic preservation tax credits. The 20% state tax credit coupled with a 20% federal tax credit is a strong incentive for eligible preservation projects across Oklahoma.

Since the federal program's inception in 1976, only one other project in Norman has received historic rehabilitation tax credits: Casa Blanca, the former Alpha Chi Omega Sorority House, 103 W. Boyd, was awarded tax credits in 1989.

The Logan Apartment Building was constructed over a four-month period during the summer of 1929. The buff brick building is located in the heart of Norman's Chautauqua Historic District. Last year, the City's Historic District Commission approved plans to convert the building from 24 units to eight luxury units without making substantial changes to the building's original exterior. The architect for the project is Butzer Gardner Associates of Oklahoma City. SHPO architect Harry Simms said that the rehabilitation of the Logan Apartments is a good example for historic buildings in Norman and beyond to follow. "The original workmanship and now the craftsmanship of the rehab team is everything we could hope to see in historic preservation."

Norman's Historic District Commission chairman Neil Robinson observed that "a rehab project such as the Logan demonstrates that the economics of preservation can compete in the marketplace while still conserving the essential character and fabric of our community."

The Logan Apartment Building is set to become Norman's 19th listing on the National Register and only the fifth privately owned structure on the list. Other individual listings, such as the Sooner Theatre, Santa Fe Depot, Norman Senior Citizens Center and OU's Bizzell Library, are all publically owned buildings. For more information about the City of Norman's historic preservation program visit <http://www.ci.norman.ok.us/planning/historic-preservation>.

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